

9 Bond St

New York, Dec 8 1877

Wm Lloyd Garrison Esq
Dear Sir,

300 Referring to a
more formal invitation
which you have received
to attend the annual
dinner of the New England
society in this city on the
22nd inst. I take the liberty
to urge you to accept it,
although it might be
with some inconvenience
to you, I assure
you that the members
of the society earnestly
desire to see & to hear
you. There is no man
better entitled to speak

to no, in these times, and
in the presence of the
President of the United
States, than yourself, nor
any one to whose words
we would listen more
attentively,

I remember the
first copy of the Liberator
that came into my father's
house, (the late James
Appleton of Maine) and
how it made an Ab-
olitionist of him, and
of all his household,
That little leaven has
indeed at last "leavened"
the whole lump, but

still there is work to be
done, and words to be
spoken.

You know, I re-
pose that Pres. Hayes
& Mr. Everts are to be
at the dinner, I may
say also that Mr. Whittier
(the Poet) has been in-
vited, and I trust that
he will not decline.

I shall be very glad
indeed to receive a
favorable reply from you.

Respectfully & sincerely yours

D. F. Appleton.

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